

Highlighting SDG 13: Climate Action in celebration of the Environmental Science Week 2023

BARK TO BASIC: ENHANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES



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The Young Environmentalists' Society (YES) of the College of Natural Sciences (CNS) celebrated the Environmental Science (ES) Week last November 13 to 17, 2023. With the theme: "Are we Out of the Woods Yet? Viewing Climate Action through the Philippine Lens." This activity is also in support to the nationwide celebrations of Clean Air Month, Climate Change Consciousness Week and Environmental Awareness Month this November 2023.

One of the esteemed speakers is an alumnus of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science Program of the university, EnP. Abner O. Lawangen, and now the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (LDRRMO) IV of the Province of Benguet. His speech focused on the policy aspects of climate resilience with emphasis on the need for a back-to-basics approach. The role of both local communities and the local government are important in adapting to climate change.

Other speakers during the seminar involved the talk of Mr. Norell Jay B. Osting, also an alumnus of BSES, on the "Roots of knowledge: Cultivating Sustainable Education in the Wilderness of Learning." Another speaker is Ms. Maria C. Cuya, a young project coordinator from the Cordilleran Youth Center (CYC). Her talk was on "Beneath the Canopy of Change: Youth Insights and Initiatives Amidst the Climate Crisis."

This was supported by a hands-on weeding cum tree-caring activity by the proactive stewards of the environment and the BS Environmental Science Students. Included in the ES week celebration are: poster making contest, quiz bee, environmental photography, environmental jeopardy, environmental family feud and the Ecoquest: A Global Eco Race. These activities are participated in by Benguet State University (BSU) students.